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Memorandum

To: Bureau of Land Management Cadastral Surveyors

From: Bob Dahl

Subject: Research Tools

I am asking for your assistance.

- 1) Are you aware of Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) decisions regarding subjects relevant to the Manual of Surveying Instructions organized into an electronic, searchable format?
- 2) Are you aware of the 1947, 1930, and/or 1919/1920s Advanced Sheets, Manuals of Surveying Instructions organized into an electronic, searchable format?

If you have any information regarding the above please contact me.

IBLA Decisions

Regarding the IBLA decisions, I am aware of the Office of Hearings and Appeals web site at www.doi.gov/oha or <http://hearingsandappeals.doi.gov/>, which contain the decisions. Currently their web site is off pending litigation. I am also aware of the access to IBLA decisions via Lexus. But I am not aware of anyone having organized the IBLA decisions in a way that would enhance research of issues relevant to the Manual. One goal could be a "Shepardizing" of IBLA decisions relevant to the Manual.

Manuals of Surveying Instructions – Electronic Version

The conversion of the 1973 Manual to html format has greatly enhanced finding specific words and phrases. One goal could be identifying the connection or disconnection of threads of language between the Manual editions.

For Your Information

Here are some items on which I am also working on:

- 1) Preparing a web site to provide information about the next edition.
- 2) Communicating with BLM WO Support Services to determine their role in the preparation of the next edition of the Manual.
- 3) Adding to the Obsolete, Incorrect and Missing document the comments received, per Survey Manual Notes – 1, dated November 15, 2002.
- 4) Beginning to gather together in one file existing material on post 1973 edition Manual efforts. If you have this material, please contact me.
- 5) Meeting with the Government Printing Office and Superintendent of Documents personnel to determine their role and services.

Factoids

- 1) The Superintendent of Documents (SOD) sold the 1973 Manual of Surveying Instructions thru 1997.
- 2) Total SOD sales – 24,156 copies.
- 3) It is now out of print.
- 4) The official effective date of the 1973 Manual, was January 31, 1974, per WO Instruction Memorandum No. 74-30.